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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 48.2 degrees, 1.4 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 3, 2005. Precipitation averaged 2.01 inches, 1.09 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 4 points below normal.

Reporters rated 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, April 1, 2005. This is identical to last year. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 52 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	1.5	NA	1.5
2004	1.5	NA	1.5
2000-2004 Average	2.3	NA	2.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	48	52
Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA
Same Week Last Year	0	0	51	49
2000-2004 Average	1	9	60	30

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 3

Wet soil conditions kept most producers out of their fields this past week but some locations reported a limited amount of tillage and fertilizer applications in well drained fields. The main farm activities last week included cleaning up debris left over from the winter ice storms, obtaining seed and other inputs for the upcoming season, spreading manure, hauling grain, working on machinery, and completing FSA paperwork. The State's maple syrup producers continue to collect sap but the season is quickly coming to an end as night time temperatures rise. The State's strawberry growers are busy cleaning up their fields in preparation for the upcoming season and some are starting to apply nitrogen through drip irrigation. Greenhouse growers are seeding vegetable and flower slips and some areas report a limited amount of early vegetables have been planted. As of Sunday evening, 2 percent of the winter wheat acreage was jointed compared to 3 percent last year at this time and 5 percent for the five-year average. Two percent of the intended oat acreage has been planted, the same amount as in 2004 but 9 percentage points behind the five-year average.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

The winter wheat crop is beginning to come out of winter dormancy and 80 percent of the State's acreage is rated in fair-to-good condition. Growers are anxious to get into their fields and apply fertilizer. The State's livestock are also rated in mostly fair-to-good condition, but muddy conditions are causing stress in some locations. Pasture land is just beginning to green up with 75 percent rated in fair-to-good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 3

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Winter Wheat Jointed	2	3	5	NA	NA
Percent of Oat Acreage Planted	2	2	11	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 3

LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	22	61	11
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	4	22	60	13
PASTURE					
Current Week	3	17	32	43	5
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	4	8	35	48	5
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	1	5	28	52	14
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	5	28	54	12

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 3

Region	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days ^{1/}	
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.
Northwest	46.5	1.8	0.42	-0.34	29	3
North Central	46.3	1.3	1.34	0.51	25	-2
Northeast	47.2	2.5	1.94	0.96	26	-1
West Central	47.9	1.6	1.37	0.47	28	-3
Central	49.1	1.6	2.39	1.47	32	-4
Central Hills	47.6	1.6	2.01	1.05	27	-5
Northeast Hills	47.7	1.0	2.19	1.26	28	-7
Southwest	49.2	0.7	2.69	1.58	32	-6
South Central	50.4	0.8	2.81	1.88	39	-8
Southeast	49.4	1.1	2.76	1.86	35	-6
STATE	48.2	1.4	2.01	1.09	30	-4

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86

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